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March 26, 2019

Dear Mrs. Gonsie Williams,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, **Becky Latimer** Clerks Office/Administrative Coordinator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 803-896-5100

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Marion, SC 29571

Mar 13, 2019

Public Service Commission

Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Progress Rate Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a Duke Energy Progress electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy Progress electric rate proposal (2018-318-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

The Duke Energy Progress proposal to increase the basic facilities charge a fixed cost from \$9.08 to \$29. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina, which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

.If most citizens in South Carolina are me they can not afford a price hike. When you take in the Florence diaster, some of us are trying to find a stable ground to allow us to fully rebuild and move forward. We don't need another \$300+ yearly to be added onto our bill monthly especially the senior citizens and disabled. How are we to survive? Eat, buy medicine, food and other necessary items or maybe we start to use kerosene lamps for lights and block ice to keep food frozen when we have food (not everbody get Food Stamps). If you can afford the hike then God Continue to Bless You.

Sincerely, Mrs. GONSIE WILLIAMS

